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● A disappointing week for us in terms of results — that F.A. Cup exit by Hull City last Saturday; Tuesday's 2-0 defeat in the Third Division at leaders **Wolverhampton Wanderers**, while on the same night our youngsters were narrowly beaten 1-0 here by **Stoke City** in the F.A. Youth Cup.

Strangely enough, all three games might well have gone better for us — we did not deserve to lose against Hull City, and our goal was one of the best we have scored for some time in regard to team combination, while we had our chances at Molineux on Tuesday night. But it was the familiar one/two of Andy Mutch and Steve Bull which ended our hopes, as indeed they have of many teams this season. As our manager Frank Burrows said afterwards — **"Mutch and Bull showed why Wolves are top of the table — without their side playing particularly well the other night, those two scored goals out of nothing, and their ability wins a lot of games for Wolves."**

Meanwhile our youth team lost to a second-half goal against Stoke, but might well have had a replay, with a late penalty appeal being turned down. Nevertheless, it will have been a useful experience for the youngsters to have been up against more experienced opposition.

TODAY'S VISITORS

● The appearance of Bolton Wanderers here today reminds us of last season's promotion battle in which we were both eventually successful, and hopefully this afternoon's match will prove as exciting as that vital game played here last April. We welcome Phil Neal and his players today, full details of the Bolton squad and their current

TODAY'S COVER shows Gareth Abraham rising high above Hull City's Wayne Jacobs (3) to get in a header during last Saturday's F.A. Cup match.

Pic: Bob Reed

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form will be found as usual under 'Ninian Visitors'.

YOUTH LEAGUE CUP

● Anyone in this area tomorrow morning might like to go along to Fitzalan High School playing fields just off Leckwith Road because our youth team will be in action against Swansea City in the Welsh National Youth League Group Cup. The Kick-Off is at 11.00 a.m.

RETURN TO ACTION

● There was a welcome return to action last Tuesday for defender Phil Bater who came on as substitute after missing the previous four matches through injury. But while he was back Nicky Platnauer was still on the injury list at the time of writing.



● **PHIL
BATER**

● **NICKY
PLATNAUER**

— both recent absentees through injury

CORRECTIONS

● Although a number of Sunday national newspapers stated last weekend that Steve Lynex had scored against Hull City, it was in fact Jimmy Gilligan as everyone who saw the game will agree. That goal gave him sixteen for the season in League and Cup, and although several papers also stated that he was the only player to have scored in each of the first three rounds of the competition, that was in fact not correct — Colchester's Mario Walsh has also done it.

WELSH CUP

● A reminder that we are at home again this coming Tuesday night with Worcester City of the

IAN NEWS

Beazer Homes League Premier Division our visitors in the Welsh Cup Fourth Round (7.45p.m.). This match has been switched from their St. George's Lane ground following agreement between the two clubs, which means that if the game ended in a draw, the replay would also be at Ninian Park.

TODAY'S MASCOT

● Leading out the side this afternoon will be Jonathan Greenwood of Caerphilly who was also our mascot for the home game with Huddersfield last September. Jonathan is a pupil of The Twyn School, Caerphilly, and his hobbies include Football, Snooker and all sports. His favourite City players are Jimmy Gilligan, Alan Curtis and George Wood, and he is a regular supporter at our home games.

AWAY ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS

● Cardiff City supporters who intend travelling to our forthcoming away matches at Huddersfield (Saturday, 21st January); Bristol Rovers in the Sherpa Van Trophy (Tuesday, 24th January); and Bristol Rovers in the Third Division (Saturday, 4th February) are advised of the following arrangements. Admission to Leeds Road, Huddersfield next Saturday will be on production of vouchers at the turnstiles before cash payment. Vouchers for official supporters clubs members can be obtained through those organisations. Season ticket holders and others belonging to recognised club organisations (City Winner etc.) can obtain them from our main office at Ninian Park. Admission to the Bristol Rovers Sherpa Van Trophy match at Bath's Twerton Park will also be with vouchers, but the League game at the same venue

on February 4th will be ALL-TICKET, and the usual conditions for travelling supporters will apply to those two Bristol Rovers games also.

JUNIOR BLUES

● Tomorrow morning at 11.00a.m. here at Ninian Park, our Junior Blues section will be holding a meeting. New members (boys or girls under-16) are welcome to attend. Membership fee is £5.00 including a gift pack. All those attending tomorrow are requested to bring their kit and boots.

PROGRAMMES WANTED

● Mr. Chris Riordan of 2 Springbrook Club, Castle Bromwich, Birmingham B36 9TU (Tel: 021-749-6191) writes to ask if any City fan can help him to obtain copies of our match programmes for the following games – Newport County v Cardiff City (Littlewoods Cup) played at Ninian Park on August 18th 1987, and Newport County v Cardiff City (Fourth Division) played at Somerton Park on November 21st 1987.

MATCH GUESTS

● We are pleased to welcome this afternoon members of Cwm Welfare F.C. Under-10s and Under-11s. The group, who come from Llantwit Fardre are with their coach Aubrey Coates, and we hope they enjoy their day with us.



● Youngsters of Birchgrove Primary School, Cardiff, who were here for last Saturday's Cup match pictured with Ian Walsh (still on loan to Cheltenham) and one of their teachers Elwyn Davies.

Pic: Bob Reed

HERE NEXT

- **WORCESTER CITY** (Welsh Cup Round 4)
Tuesday, 17th January – Kick Off 7.45p.m.
- **PLYMOUTH ARGYLE** (Capital Finance Lge.)
Wednesday, 18th January – Kick Off 2.00p.m.
- **SWANSEA CITY** (Capital Finance Lge.)
Tuesday, 24th January – Kick Off 2.00p.m.

SECRETARY'S VIEW

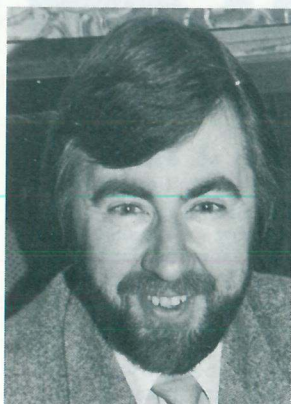
....by **EDDIE HARRISON**

Over the past few home games, we have been aware of various problems in connection with the accommodation of our Main Stand, and today I would like to explain what those problems have been, and to assure our season ticket holders and other regular stand users that we intend dealing with the matter so as to avoid any inconvenience to those who like to sit in the Main Stand to watch our matches.

At the recent Swansea City game on Boxing Day, the problem was caused by people not sitting in the blocks to which they had been admitted, and with the stand accommodation in entire use that day, it caused difficulties for people who did want to sit in the areas allotted to them.

VACANT AREA

The Police have asked us, whenever possible, not to use Block B of the stand so as to keep a vacant area between away fans in Block A and the remainder of the stand. This was partly responsible for the difficulties we experienced on Boxing Day because it meant that people in other blocks of the stand were filing across the front of the stand to try and get into Block B, and were being turned back by the Police which meant that they were trying to find seating accommodation in the nearest areas to Block B instead of having remained where they should have been in the first place. We always co-operate fully with the Police, but with the stand being filled to capacity



against Swansea, it did cause a problem.

DESIGN DIFFICULTIES

Unfortunately, the design of the stand, with its connecting corridor underneath the exit steps, and the walkway at the front of the seats, does not allow for easy segregation from Block to Block without the stand being made all ticket for every game. The advance ticket sales for the Swansea game (excluding season ticket holders) however, were well under two hundred.

Now that was for our most lucrative game so far in terms of receipts, and as it turned out, the stand was eventually filled with people paying on the day. We had to put a number of people who wanted to occupy the main stand into the Canton Stand, and those

persons who have been in touch with us over the matter, have been contacted by the Club.

In the event, we had to use Block B on Boxing Day – there was no trouble in the stand, but there was constant movement in the period just before the game which may have caused inconvenience, as I have mentioned, to regular users. We have appealed constantly for people to come earlier to our games – the majority didn't do so on Boxing Day, and that was also a contributory factor.

POLICE DISCUSSIONS

For the Hull City F.A. Cup tie last Saturday, we brought into use a number of turnstiles which we switched from entry to the enclosure, and that seems to have worked quite well – we didn't have any queues whatsoever for the Main Stand even though it was full. But the problem at the Hull City game was slightly different, with a number of people getting into Blocks C and D whom we would not have wanted in those areas, and that is something about which the Police and myself have been in discussion this week. We shall be looking at ways of eradicating that problem, there are a number of ways that we can deal with it, but I would not wish to elaborate on those at present.

My main purpose today therefore, in this article, is to assure regular stand users that we at Cardiff City are aware of the situation, and that the necessary steps are being taken to deal with it.

CITY MATCH-FAN

● A new feature this season involving you, our supporters. If you are the City fan circled in this picture, call in with your programme after the game to our Commercial Department at the rear of the Canton Stand, and claim your Philips-sponsored electrical prize. Watch out for another fan in our next issue.



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CITY IN FOCUS

Our Youth Development Officer GAVIN TAIT reports on recent behind-the-scenes activities at Ninian Park after what has been a busy period recently



● **We have had several games at different levels recently for youngsters at Under-14 to Under-16 level who have been training with us in recent months, including a number of our Associate Schoolboys. Our Under-14s played against their equivalents at Swansea, our Under-15s have met Swindon, and our Under-16s have played both Swindon and Wales Under-15s – this is all part of an ongoing programme to give the boys good competitive games.**

During the school holidays, what we're looking to do is to bring the boys to the ground, give them a couple of days coaching – boys who are already connected with us, and youngsters who have been recommended to us and whom we want to have a look at. And as well as that coaching, we want to give them games against the type of opposition which will bring out the best in them or otherwise. The results of the matches are totally immaterial to what we are trying to do – as it happens, we beat Swansea 3-0; our Under-15s lost 1-0 away to Swindon; our Under-16s lost 4-0 to Swindon, and 6-0 to Wales.

CHARACTER

What came out of those games was that we found out who could play at that

standard and who couldn't. We also found out a lot about the character of the boys, and they discovered things about themselves when it comes to playing in this standard. It's very important that they play against the young sides of other clubs so that we can judge the boys against other clubs.

At that level, it's often useful for them to find themselves in a losing situation on the field to see how they react to it – I'd say we learnt more about the boys from the games which we lost, than from the game which we won. It's easy to play well in a winning side, but to play well in a side that's under pressure, and against more physical and better opponents, is the real test.

NEW SIGNINGS

We've signed another couple of Associate Schoolboys recently, about which we're very pleased – defender Matthew Crocker who is captain of Cardiff Schools Under-14s, and Anthony Bird who is a prolific goalscorer at his level – he scored a hat-trick in that win over Swansea but we didn't sign him just on that performance. We've been keen to sign him for some time – in fact we've been looking at his progress over the past three months and we've been very pleased with the way he's been playing. So we've taken him

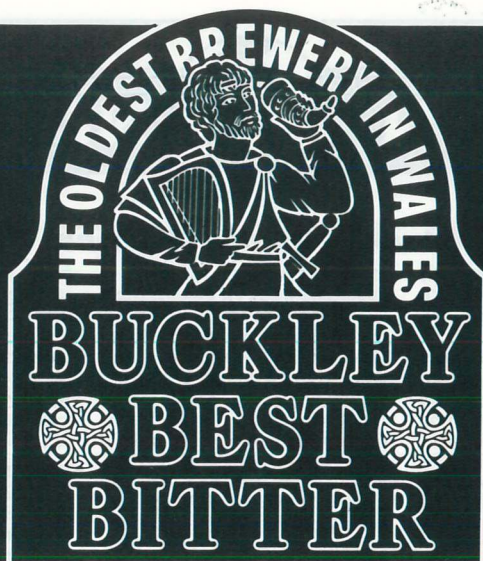
on, and we'll see how it works out.

Over the past couple of months, we've been busy building up our contacts, as you have to do in this kind of job, and we're now looking to establish ourselves more strongly in the valley areas around Cardiff – we've got a very good scout working for us; and he's sending us a high calibre of player in terms of prospects, and we're also getting some more prospects from the Cornwall area as a result of our contacts with Camborne Lions whom we played a couple of months ago when they came here to spend a weekend with the Club.

FUTURE GAMES

We've a number of schoolboy games planned for the near future against such sides as West Bromwich Albion, Coventry City, Southampton, Oxford United, and Reading, all at different age levels on a home and away basis. So it's an interesting period for me as well as for the boys connected with us. The parents of all youngsters with us have been tremendous in their general support – for example, bringing the boys to training, taking them to games, and they've been most enthusiastic about our efforts to look after the boys.

I would like to think that our general reputation in the area for encouraging young talent is good – it's a little difficult for me to judge that at present being on the inside. There are always going to be difficulties in this kind of work, but at present things are going well from my point of view, and we are making good progress.



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● It was not a particularly successful weekend for the eight Third Division clubs in the F.A. Cup Third Round seven days ago – of the eight contestants, five went out; two held on for replays, and just one definitely went through to Round Four. And on a day when there were only a few Third Division games, the bottom two gained rare wins, while the only club in the top five in action, made the most of their rivals' inactivity.

BEST OF SEASON

● **Sheffield United's** Cup win at Yorkshire rivals **Huddersfield Town** was seen by a 15,543 crowd – Town's biggest of the season, and was settled by a first half goal from United's Tony Agana, his eighteenth of the season. And United should now be confident of reaching the Fifth Round because they have a Fourth Round home tie against the League's very bottom club – Colchester United of Division Four. Meanwhile today, United have a vital League game when they travel to Bath to play the side immediately below them in fifth place – **Bristol Rovers**.

BRISTOL CITY'S DISAPPOINTMENT

● There was a major disappointment for Rovers' local rivals **Bristol City** – they lost their Cup match by the only goal at Hartlepool United, a 70th

minute penalty, to complete a miserable week for them, having lost by the same score to Bristol Rovers at home the previous Monday. That certainly didn't help City's promotion prospects, and they face a tough match today at bottom of the table **Chesterfield** who have clearly picked up in recent weeks. Their 2-0 win at fellow relegation candidates **Wigan Athletic** last Saturday was their third consecutive victory (they beat **Fulham** at home 3-1 on December 31st followed by a tremendous 3-1 win at **Sheffield United** on January 2nd. Darren Wood's first goal of the season last Saturday added to **Wigan's** Peter Atherton conceding an own goal, meant that **Chesterfield** are now very much in touch at the bottom after looking isolated for much of the season.

IMPROVING CHESTERFIELD

● It was perhaps unfortunate for **Chesterfield** that their nearest rivals **Aldershot** have begun to improve in recent weeks. Although they lost to ourselves at The Recreation Ground on January 2nd, that defeat was sandwiched between an away victory at **Bury** on December 31st when £10,000 signing Adrian Randall from AFC Bournemouth scored his third goal for the Club, and last Saturday's 2-1 home win over **Preston** which saw a first goal of the season for Aldershot's Mike Ring. This afternoon, Aldershot face one of their most vital games of the season when they travel to the club immediately above them – **Gillingham**.

PHILLIPS' DEBUT

● At the other end of the table, only **Swansea City** of the top five were in action – they beat **Notts County** 2-0 at The Vetch Field with £30,000 Stewart Phillips

from West Bromwich Albion making his debut in attack. He didn't score, but Bryan Wade did, and that makes it eight goals to date for him, all from his last twelve games. As a result of that win, Swansea moved into third position, and they go to eighth placed **Bury** today.

VALE'S VALIANT DISPLAY

● Back to the Cup, and 15,967 spectators at Vale Park last Sunday saw **Port Vale's** right-back Alan Webb give his side a first half lead against Norwich City with his first goal of the current season. But the First Division side in the end had too much class for their Third Division opponents and went on to win 3-1, leaving Vale to concentrate on their promotion prospects. They're currently in second place in Division Three and this afternoon they travel to seventh club **Chester City** who were well beaten 4-1 at **Fulham** last Saturday, Chester's second defeat in two games. That's come after four successive League wins for Chester, and that result certainly helped Fulham's hopes because it lifted them to sixth position. Former Welsh International Gordon Davies scored last Saturday for Fulham – he's now re-established a regular place in their line up, and prior to last night's match at Southend had scored four goals in his last four games.

READING REPLAY

● Our former player Karl Elsey was the **Reading** scorer in their 1-1 F.A. Cup draw at Tranmere last Saturday. The replay was scheduled for last Wednesday with the winners away to Fourth Division Grimsby Town. It was Elsey's second goal of the season in which he's played variously at right-back, left-back and in midfield. Today Reading are at home to the leaders **Wolverhampton Wanderers**.

TODAY'S THIRD DIVISION MATCHES:-

Brentford v Northampton T.
Bristol Rovers v Sheffield Utd.
Bury v Swansea City
Chester City v Port Vale
Chesterfield v Bristol City
Gillingham v Aldershot
Mansfield Town v Wigan Ath.
Notts County v Blackpool
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Ninian Park	9.00a.m.

.... CITY ACTION



● F.A. Cup action against Hull City last Saturday when we went out of the competition (ABOVE): Kevin Bartlett beats Hull defender Neil Buckley to head narrowly wide shortly after Jimmy Gilligan had given us the lead. (BELOW): almost a goal for Paul Wimbleton (4) just before half-time, but his shot was just wide.

Pics: Bob Reed



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1988	Opponents	1989	F A	Scorers	Lge. Pts.	Lge. Pos.	Att.	George WOOD	PHIL BATER
Aug. 27 (Sat.)	FULHAM (Lge.)	1-2	Walsh	0	—	6,024	1	2	
Aug. 30 (Tue.)	SWANSEA CITY (LC1 1st leg)	0-1	—	—	—	6,241	1	—	
Sept. 3 (Sat.)	Bolton Wanderers (Lge.)	0-4	—	—	0	24	4,831	1	—
Sept. 7 (Wed.)	Derry City (ECWC1 1st leg)	0-0	—	—	—	10,500	1	2	—
Sept. 10 (Sat.)	HUDDERSFIELD TOWN (Lge.)	3-0	—	—	—	3,891	1	2	—
Sept. 17 (Sat.)	Port Vale (Lge.)	1-6	Gilligan	3	17	4,230	1	12	—
Sept. 20 (Tue.)	Swansea City (LC1 2nd leg)	2-0	Wheeler, Boyle	—	—	6,987	1	5	—
Sept. 23 (Fri.)	Southend United (Lge.)	0-0	—	—	4	22	3,199	1	14
Sept. 28 (Wed.)	Queens Park Rangers (LC2 1st leg)	0-3	—	—	—	6,078	1	10	—
Oct. 1 (Sat.)	BRISTOL ROVERS (Lge.)	2-2	Gilligan, Bartlett	5	22	5,038	1	10	—
Oct. 5 (Wed.)	DERRY CITY (ECWC1 2nd leg)	4-0	McDermott, Gilligan 3	—	—	6,993	1	2	—
Oct. 8 (Sat.)	READING (Lge.)	1-2	Curtis	5	23	4,057	1	2	—
Oct. 11 (Tue.)	QUEENS PARK RANGERS (LC2 2nd leg)	1-4	Curtis	—	—	2,629	1	—	—
Oct. 15 (Sat.)	Chester City (Lge.)	0-0	—	—	6	22	2,796	1	2
Oct. 22 (Sat.)	Mansfield Town (Lge.)	2-2	Ketteridge, McDermott	7	22	3,566	1	2	—
Oct. 26 (Wed.)	AARHUS (ECWC2 1st leg)	1-2	Gilligan	—	—	6,156	1	3	—
Oct. 29 (Sat.)	Blackpool (Lge.)	0-1	—	—	7	21	3,843	1	5
Nov. 1 (Tue.)	BURY (Lge.)	3-0	Gilligan, Bartlett, Ketteridge	10	21	2,411	1	5	—
Nov. 5 (Sat.)	GILLINGHAM (Lge.)	1-0	Bartlett	13	20	3,658	1	5	—
Nov. 9 (Wed.)	Aarhus (ECWC2 2nd leg)	0-4	—	—	—	3,700	1	5	—
Nov. 12 (Sat.)	NORTHAMPTON TOWN (Lge.)	1-0	Bartlett	16	17	3,280	1	12	—
Nov. 15 (Tue.)	BATH CITY (WC3)	3-0	Bartlett 2, Wimbleton	—	—	1,517	1	12	—
Nov. 19 (Sat.)	HEREFORD UNITED (FA Cup Round 1)	3-0	Bartlett, Tupling, Gilligan	—	—	4,341	1	5	—
Nov. 25 (Fri.)	BRENTFORD (Lge.)	1-0	Gilligan	19	17	3,405	1	12	—
Dec. 3 (Sat.)	Preston North End (Lge.)	3-3	Gilligan, Bartlett 2	20	17	4,926	1	12	—
Dec. 6 (Tue.)	SWANSEA CITY (SVT Pre. Rnd.)	2-0	Curtis, Gilligan	—	—	2,986	1	—	—
Dec. 11 (Sun.)	Enfield (FA Cup Second Round)	4-1	Wimbleton (pen), Lynex, Gilligan 2	—	—	3,604	1	12	—
Dec. 17 (Sat.)	Bristol City (Lge.)	0-2	—	20	19	1,893	1	—	—
Dec. 20 (Tue.)	Torquay United (SVT Pr. Rnd.)	1-3	Wimbleton (pen.)	—	—	1,187	1	12	—
Dec. 26 (Mon.)	SWANSEA CITY (Lge.)	2-2	Gilligan 2	21	18	10,675	1	—	—
Dec. 30 (Fri.)	WIGAN ATHLETIC (Lge.)	2-2	Bartlett, Curtis	22	19	4,621	1	—	—
Jan. 2 (Mon.)	Aldershot (Lge.)	1-0	Curtis	25	16	2,768	1	—	—
Jan. 7 (Sat.)	HULL CITY (FA Cup Round 3)	1-2	Gilligan	—	—	7,128	1	—	—
Jan. 10 (Tue.)	Wolverhampton Wanderers (Lge.)	0-2	—	25	17	14,870	1	12	—
Jan. 14 (Sat.)	BOLTON WANDERERS (Lge.)								
Jan. 17 (Tue.)	WORCESTER CITY (WC4)								
Jan. 21 (Sat.)	Huddersfield Town (Lge.)								
Jan. 24 (Tue.)	Bristol Rovers (SVT 1st Rnd)								
Jan. 28 (Sat.)	PORT VALE (Lge.)								
Feb. 4 (Sat.)	Bristol Rovers (Lge.)								
Feb. 11 (Sat.)	SHEFFIELD UNITED (Lge.)								
Feb. 18 (Sat.)	Reading (Lge.)								
Feb. 21 (Tue.)	Chesterfield (Lge.)								
Feb. 25 (Sat.)	CHESTER CITY (Lge.)								
Feb. 28 (Tue.)	Notts County (Lge.)								
Mar. 4 (Sat.)	MANCHESTER TOWN (Lge.)								
Mar. 11 (Sat.)	Gillingham (Lge.)								
Mar. 14 (Tue.)	BLACKPOOL (Lge.)								
Mar. 18 (Sat.)	Fulham (Lge.)								
Mar. 25 (Sat.)	ALDERSHOT (Lge.)								
Mar. 27 (Mon.)	Swansea City (Lge.)								
Apr. 1 (Sat.)	BRISTOL CITY (Lge.)								
Apr. 4 (Tue.)	WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (Lge.)								
Apr. 7 (Fri.)	Wigan Athletic (Lge.)								
Apr. 11 (Tue.)	Sheffield United (Lge.)								
Apr. 15 (Sat.)	Bury (Lge.)								
Apr. 18 (Tue.)	NOTTS COUNTY (Lge.)								
Apr. 22 (Sat.)	SOUTHEND UNITED (Lge.)								
Apr. 29 (Sat.)	Northampton Town (Lge.)								
May 1 (Mon.)	CHESTERFIELD (Lge.)								
May 5 (Fri.)	PRESTON NORTH END (Lge.)								
May 13 (Sat.)	Brentford (Lge.)								

DIVISION THREE 1988/89 (Not inc. last night)

Team	P	W	D	L	F-A	Pts
1 Wolves	23	15	5	3	54-26	50
2 Port Vale	21	13	4	4	45-20	43
3 Swansea City	23	11	8	4	34-25	41
4 Sheffield United	21	12	2	7	47-28	38
5 Bristol Rovers	22	10	7	5	39-28	37
6 Fulham	23	11	4	8	38-35	37
7 Chester City	23	10	6	7	37-39	36
8 Bury	23	10	5	8	36-32	35
9 Preston North End	23	9	7	7	37-32	34
10 Bristol City	22	9	6	7	27-25	33
11 Reading	22	9	5	8	36-33	32
12 Brentford	22	8	7	7	31-29	31
13 Mansfield Town	22	7	10	5	25-26	31
14 Huddersfield Town	22	9	4	9	28-33	31
15 Bolton Wanderers	23	8	6	9	33-30	30
16 Northampton Town	23	8	1	14	33-37	25
17 CARDIFF CITY	20	6	7	7	24-30	25
18 Blackpool	22	5	9	8	28-27	24
19 Southend United	23	6	6	11	29-43	24
20 Notts County	22	5	8	9	23-28	23
21 Wigan Athletic	24	5	7	12	28-34	22
22 Gillingham	23	6	1	16	20-38	19
23 Aldershot	22	4	6	12	19-41	18
24 Chesterfield	22	5	3	14	19-51	18

GAMES/GOALS 1988-89

(inc. our last match)

Player	Games		Goals	
	Lge	Cup	Lge	Cup
Gareth ABRAHAM	12+0	8+0	0	0
Kevin BARTLETT	14+3	11+1	7	3
Phil BATER	5+7	4+4	0	0
Terry BOYLE	16+0	14+0	0	1
Alan CURTIS	16+0	13+1	3	2
Chris FRY	0+0	1+0	0	0
Jimmy GILLIGAN	20+0	14+0	7	9
Jason GUMMER	6+0	6+0	0	0
Mark KELLY	14+1	9+0	0	0
*Steve KETTERIDGE	6+0	14+0	2	0
Alan LEWIS	0+0	0+1	0	0
Steve LYNEX	16+1	8+2	0	1
Brian McDERMOTT	4+2	4+1	1	2
Jon MORGAN	2+0	1+2	0	0
JASON PERRY	0+0	1+1	0	0
Nicky PLATNAUER	14+0	12+0	0	0
Ian RODGERSON	16+1	10+1	0	0
Nigel STEVENSON	17+0	8+0	0	0
Steve TUPLING	2+1	1+1	0	1
Ian WALSH	3+0	1+1	3	0
Paul WHEELER	1+8	1+5	0	1
Paul WIMBLETON	16+0	12+0	0	3††
George WOOD	20+0	14+0	0	0

+ Substitute Appearance; Max - 20 Lge, 14 Cup

* No longer with Club - † penalty

Capital Final

South West County

Date	Opponent	Opponent
Aug. 24 (Wed.)	AFC Boreham	AFC Boreham
Aug. 31 (Wed.)	Exeter City	Exeter City
Sept. 21 (Wed.)	Torquay United	Torquay United
Sept. 27 (Tue.)	Hereford	Hereford
Oct. 7 (Fri.)	Swansea City	Swansea City
Oct. 18 (Tue.)	Weymouth	Weymouth
Nov. 2 (Wed.)	Exeter City	Exeter City
Nov. 24 (Tue.)	Torquay United	Torquay United
Nov. 29 (Tue.)	AFC Boreham	AFC Boreham
Dec. 6 (Tue.)	Hereford	Hereford
Dec. 23 (Tue.)	Bristol City	Bristol City
Dec. 28 (Wed.)	Newport	Newport
Jan. 5 (Thur.)	Bristol City	Bristol City
Jan. 18 (Wed.)	Plymouth	Plymouth
Jan. 24 (Tue.)	Swansea City	Swansea City
Jan. 31 (Tue.)	AFC Boreham	AFC Boreham
Feb. 7 (Wed.)	Weymouth	Weymouth
Feb. 15 (Wed.)	Exeter City	Exeter City
Mar. 8 (Wed.)	Bristol City	Bristol City
Mar. 28 (Tue.)	Torquay United	Torquay United
Apr. 12 (Wed.)	Hereford	Hereford
Apr. 20 (Thur.)	Newport	Newport
Apr. 26 (Wed.)	Swansea City	Swansea City
May 9 (Tues.)	Newport	Newport

Recent Reserve/Youth Line-Ups

January 3rd v MERTHYR TYDFIL (A)
Welsh Youth Cup 4th Round
Won 3-0 (h.t. 2-0)
O'Hagan, Hughes B., Painter, Doman, Lewis (pen.), Searle, Summers, Jarrett, Scott, Haig (1), Leaman. Non-playing subs: Jason Roberts, Denton. Other scorer: own-goal.

January 5th v BRISTOL CITY (H)
Capital Finance & Leasing S.W.
Counties League (at Nat. Sports Centre)
Lost 2-3 (h.t. 1-1)
O'Hagan, Tupling, Painter, Morgan (1), Perry, Lewis, Fry, Doman, Gummer (1), Haig, McDermott. Non-playing subs: Scott, Hughes B.

January 10th v STOKE CITY (H)
F.A. Youth Cup 3rd Round
Lost 0-1 (h.t. 0-0)
O'Hagan, Hughes B., Painter, Doman, Lewis, Searle, Summers, Jarrett, Scott (sub. Hookings), Haig, Leaman. Non-playing sub: Wynne.

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BOLTON WANDERERS

● After just one season in Division Four, **BOLTON WANDERERS** quickly regained their Third Division place, together with ourselves, at the end of 1987-88, but it's been something of a mixed campaign for them to date.

They had a good start and were well placed in early October, but they haven't been able to sustain it and have gradually slipped into the lower half of the table. December proved disastrous — they lost all four League games that month and also went out of the F.A. Cup, though there was some consolation in reaching the First Round of the Sherpa Van Trophy (they go to Preston on Tuesday). But they have picked up points over the past two matches — both at home — and that 2-1 win over Gillingham eight days ago was their first League victory since late November! Ironically that game attracted their lowest League attendance of the season so far, while the following day Burnden Park held its biggest crowd for some time — but that was for the Rugby League John Player Trophy Final between Wigan and Widnes.

FORWARDS

● Although forward **TREVOR MORGAN** is joint top marksman so far with seven goals, he hasn't in fact scored since early November despite being a

regular in the side since mid-September when he gained a place in the line-up following a summer hernia operation. Born in East London, he's an experienced striker, having been with Leytonstone, AFC Bournemouth (twice), Mansfield, Bristol City (two spells) and Bristol Rovers. He joined Bolton from Bristol City in the summer of 1987.

Playing alongside him in attack eight days ago was Malta-born **IAN STEVENS** who scored in that match (his sixth goal of the season) and he's appeared in most 1988-89 games. Previously with Preston and Stockport, he came to the Club a couple of seasons ago after a spell with non-League Lancaster City, and he was top scorer for Bolton's reserve team last season. Coming on as substitute for Stevens in the last match was 19 year-old forward **NIGEL JEMSON** who had been in the starting line-up for the previous three games after coming on loan from Nottingham Forest. Jemson began his career with hometown club Preston and went on to Forest for £150,000 last March. He has yet to make his debut for them, and earlier this season had a brief spell on loan at Chesterfield. It's been an unfortunate season so far for last year's top scorer **JOHN THOMAS** — after playing in most games up to

mid-October, a knee injury then put him out of action. But the former Everton player, now in his second spell at Burnden Park after being with Chester, Lincoln and Preston from whom he returned at the start of last season, is currently on his way back to challenging for a first team place.

Another forward who's played this season is YTS signing **MIKE JEFFREY** who made his first team debut in the Sherpa Van Trophy victory over Preston in early December.

Bolton played with two wingers in their last match — **STUART STORER** was on the right, and **JEFF CHANDLER** on the left. Harborough-born Storer, who's played in most matches since late October, is a former Mansfield, Birmingham and Everton player who was signed from the Merseyside club for £25,000 midway through last season after a loan spell, while Chandler has had a number of injury problems since rejoining the Club at the start of last season when he came back from Derby, having previously been with Blackpool and Leeds before his first spell with Bolton. A knee problem kept him out from August 1987 to May 1988, and it wasn't until recently that he's been able to get a run of first team games this season. Also with the Club is the former England winger **PETER BARNES** who's



● **BOLTON WANDERERS**' 1988-89 Line-Up **BACK** (from left): Ian Callaghan, Gary Henshaw, Paul Hughes, Dave Felgate, Julian Darby, Ian Stevens, Chris O'Brien. **MIDDLE** (from left): Phil Neal (manager), Steve Carroll (youth coach), Nicky Brookman, Gary Brown, Stuart Storer, Trevor Morgan, Dave McKearney, Robbie Savage, Jeff Chandler, Mick Brown (coach), Phil Stock (physio.). **FRONT** (from left): John Thomas, Steve Elliott (now Bury), Phil Brown, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Dean Crombie, Barry Cowdrill, Steve Thompson.

Our Competitive Record Against Them

	P	W	D	L	F-A
Football League (H)	30	14	5	11	36-37
Football League (A)	30	5	6	19	24-58
F.A. Cup	4	1	2	1	5-4
Total	64	20	13	31	65-99

THEIR MANAGER

● 37 year-old **PHIL NEAL** began his playing career at Northampton Town with whom he started as an apprentice. He made over 200 League and Cup appearances for them before moving to Liverpool in October 1974. Whilst with them, he won numerous honours both at home and in Europe, and was capped 32 times for England. After more than 500 first team appearances for the Merseyside club, he was appointed Bolton's player/manager in December 1985.

THEIR HISTORY

● Founded in 1874 as 'Christ Church F.C.' they adopted their present name in 1877, and became founder members of the League in 1888. They have never won the League title, and during their career have played in all four Divisions. They were last in Division One from 1978 to 1980, and in 1987 were relegated to Division Four for the first time, winning promotion with ourselves. F.A. Cup Winners in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1958, they have also been runners-up three times. Their Burnden Park ground was opened in 1895 - attendance record: 69,912 v Manchester City (F.A. Cup fifth round) February 18th 1933. Current capacity: 27,000.

made one substitute appearance so far when he played against Port Vale in the F.A. Cup Second Round. Capped 22 times with Manchester City and Leeds United, he joined Bolton on a monthly contract in early December, having been with Portuguese club Sporting Farense earlier in 1988-89.

MIDFIELD

● Although Leeds-born midfielder or winger **GARY HENSHAW** hasn't been in the side for the past three games and is currently transfer listed, he has played in most of this season's matches and he joined the Club in the summer of 1987 from his only other League club Grimsby Town where he had started as an apprentice. Meanwhile joint top scorer **STEVE THOMPSON**, a former apprentice who's made over 200 League appearances since his November 1982 League debut, has missed just one game in midfield this season - that was in mid-October through injury - and his second half penalty against Gillingham eight days ago was his seventh goal of the season. Locally-born **JULIAN DARBY**, who can play in most defensive and midfield positions, is ever present in midfield to date, though he'll have a two match ban

following today's game, and he made his Bolton debut three seasons ago. But out of the line-up in the last game was midfielder **ROBBIE SAVAGE**, while midfielder **NICKY BROOKMAN** hasn't played in the last three games. Both have appeared in most 1988-89 matches, and both in fact have recently been transfer listed. Savage is a former Liverpool, Stoke, AFC Bournemouth and Bradford City player who was signed from the Yorkshire club in a £30,000 deal in September 1987 and he scored the goal in the 1-0 win at Wrexham last May which sealed Bolton's promotion. Brookman is a Manchester born player who had spells with Newport, Aston Villa and Wrexham before going to Bolton, and he made his League debut in April 1987.

DEFENDERS

● Ever-present in goal is North Wales-born former Welsh International **DAVE FELGATE** who once had a loan spell with ourselves a few seasons ago. He was originally a Bolton apprentice and later had loan spells at Rochdale, Bradford City, Crewe and Rochdale (again). A £25,000 fee took him to Lincoln (where he won his Welsh Cap in 1983-84) and further loan spells followed with us, Grimsby, whom he later joined as a contract player, and Rotherham. His varied career brought him back to Bolton in February 1987, and he was ever present in last season's promotion when he was voted the Club's 'Player of the Year'.

Close season signing **PHIL BROWN**, who cost £17,000 from Halifax Town having begun his career with Hartlepool, is ever present at right-back, while the experienced **BARRY COWDRILL** has been the regular left-back though he did miss most of October through injury. Birmingham-born Cowdrill had a number of years with West Bromwich Albion whom he originally joined from Sutton Coldfield and made over 150 League and Cup appearances for Albion before Bolton signed him on a free transfer last summer.

The current central defenders are the experienced **GLENN KEELEY** and St. Helens-born **MARK WINSTANLEY**. Signed from Oldham last September, Keeley had a regular place until late October when injury put him out but he's now been back for the past seven games, and he's a former Ipswich, Newcastle and Blackburn defender who went to Oldham at the start of last season. Former YTS player Winstanley, meanwhile, is ever present in the side this season, and he made his debut in March 1986, having had several games in last season's promotion campaign. But Exeter-born central-defender **MARK CAME**, signed from non-League

Their Last Visit

April 15th, 1988 (Division Three)
CARDIFF CITY 1 (0) - Gilligan
BOLTON WANDERERS 0 (0)
Attendance: 6,705

Their 1988-89 Record

August		F-A	Att.
27 Southend (Div.3)	A	0-3	4,075
30 Chester (LC1)	H	1-0	3,535

September

3 Cardiff (Div.3)	H	4-0	4,831
7 Chester (LC1)	A	1-3	3,784
10 Reading (Div.3)	A	1-1	4,660
17 Bristol R (Div.3)	H	1-1	4,821
20 Fulham (Div.3)	H	3-2	4,239
24 Aldershot (Div.3)	A	3-0	2,126

October

1 Sheff Utd (Div.3)	H	2-0	9,345
4 Swansea (Div.3)	A	0-1	3,823
8 Blackpool (Div.3)	H	2-2	7,106
15 Port Vale (Div.3)	A	1-2	7,985
22 Wolves (Div.3)	H	1-2	8,174
25 Wigan (Div.3)	A	1-1	4,438
29 Chesterf'd (Div.3)	H	5-0	4,757

November

5 Bristol C (Div.3)	A	1-1	8,807
8 Huddersf'd (Div.3)	A	1-0	7,802
12 Bury (Div.3)	H	2-4	7,897
19 Chesterf'd (FAC1)	H	0-0	4,840
26 North'ton (Div.3)	H	2-1	4,446
28 Chesterf'd (FAC1)	A	3-2	4,168

December

3 Brentford (Div.3)	A	0-3	4,628
6 Preston (SVT)	H	1-0	2,690
10 Port Vale (FAC2)	H	1-2	7,499
17 Chester (Div.3)	H	0-1	4,318
20 Bury (SVT)	A	0-1	2,032
26 Preston (Div.3)	A	1-3	12,104
31 Notts Co (Div.3)	A	0-2	5,097

January

2 Mansfield (Div.3)	H	0-0	4,935
6 Gillingham (Div.3)	H	2-1	4,187

This Season's Scorers (League and Cup)

Morgan 7, Thompson 7 (2 pens.), Stevens 6, Brookman 4, Brown 4, Darby 4, Savage 2, Thomas 2, Cowdrill 1, Henshaw 1, Keeley 1, Storer 1.

Winsford United in late 1983-84 and who's made over 150 League and Cup appearances for Bolton, has been out since early September after breaking his leg at Chester in the Littlewoods Cup match, though he hopes to be back in playing action before the end of the season.

Experienced defender **DEAN CROMBIE** had a regular place to early December, deputising at left-back when Cowdrill was injured, but otherwise in a central defensive role, and he was signed in the summer of 1987 from Grimsby for whom he had played over 300 League and Cup games, having begun his League career at Lincoln City, while player/manager **PHIL NEAL** (see panel) has made one full appearance to date when he played as 'sweeper' at Chesterfield in the F.A. Cup First Round replay victory, while he's also been on the substitute's bench on a number of occasions in 1988-89.

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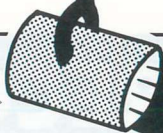
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Our promising young defender **ALAN LEWIS** has progressed through the school and youth system, and although he's still only seventeen, has already been on the fringe of our first team squad. Alan, who played in last Tuesday's F.A. Youth Cup Third Round match against Stoke City, made his first senior appearance against First Division Queens Park Rangers, in the second leg of our Littlewoods Cup tie last October and he was just seconds away from making his first League appearance in our final game of 1988.

SUBSTITUTE

As he explains — "I was named as substitute for our game against Wigan Athletic, and late in the game Ian Rodgers took a knock. Frank Burrows told me to get ready to replace Ian, but just as I was about to go on, the referee blew for full time. It was a little disappointing, but I feel I have plenty of time to make up for it."

Alan has always aspired to be a professional footballer, and played for his school in his home town of Mountain Ash. One of his teachers wrote to our youth team coach Bobby Smith, and after a couple of trials Alan was signed on associated schoolboy terms. That was at the end of 1987, so in just a year Alan's progress has been impressive.

DAUNTING

Making your first team debut at the age of seventeen

against First Division opponents appears a daunting task, but Alan was in no way inhibited — "I wasn't nervous, which surprised me a little, and I really enjoyed the experience. I was surprised at the amount of time I was allowed on the ball. In the youth and schoolboy games, opponents tend to close you down a lot quicker. It's more a 'kick-and-rush' style in schoolboy games, and there's also an element of that in our



youth team matches. But against QPR there was more time, and space to play, until you reached the penalty area. That's where things were really tight, and that was the main difference I experienced. I was impressed with Rangers, they were a good footballing side, and Trevor Francis showed he still possesses a great deal of skill. Hopefully I learned a lot from that game."

ORGANISED

Alan considers the youth

team set-up here at Ninian Park to be excellent — "It's well organised and professionally run, so I have no complaints at all. Bobby Smith is a hard but fair trainer, he really makes you work hard, and there was a time during pre-season training where I thought I was going to die! But fitness is essential and the training we are all put through is very necessary."

RIGHT PHYSIQUE

Alan certainly possesses the right physique for a central defender, he's six foot two inches tall and weighs twelve stone, but despite his height he doesn't consider heading to be the strongest aspect of his game — "That's something I'm working hard to improve on. Since coming to Cardiff City my tackling has improved, but I think that passing is my best natural skill. You can always improve any part of your game and that's the main objective for everybody in the youth team, and Bobby Smith ensures there's no slacking!"

So, what of Alan's future — "This will be my last season as a youth player I'm eighteen in May so I'll be over the age limit next season. I shall continue to work hard in the hope the Club will offer me a professional contract, and to make that elusive League debut. There are other players in the youth team showing a lot of promise, and we shall all be trying very hard to retain the Welsh National Youth League championship, and the other trophies we won last season. My main ambition is to help Cardiff City to do that, and then secure a full time contract here. If I am lucky enough to experience Third Division football during this season, that will be an added bonus."

**BBC Radio Wales
Football Commentator
RICHARD SHEPHERD
looks back through the
Club's archives**



A visit from today's opponents Bolton Wanderers over the past nineteen years has proved reasonably successful for Cardiff City – eleven League and Cup matches resulting in seven City wins, two draws and just two defeats. But it was all very different in the 1960s – Bolton's appearances at Ninian Park invariably spelled a City defeat, with seven consecutive visits giving the Burnden Park club six wins and one draw!

But then the tide turned for a Cardiff side that was, in the late 1960s and early 1970s, one of the better Second Division teams, and when City finished third in Division Two in 1970-71, it was the last time that they beat Bolton twice in the same season!

Brian Clark's goal against Bolton at Ninian Park on April 7th 1971 gave City a vital 1-0 win during their promotion bid in a match which signalled the last League appearance for the Club by one of the most popular characters ever to play here – **Ronnie Bird**.

If ever there was anybody guaranteed to give 100% in a match, it was Birmingham-born Bird. And whatever his failing on the pitch (his fierce left-foot drive could find

the net of any unsuspecting fan at the back of the now demolished Grange End covered stand) his first touch would always bring a buzz of anticipation from the crowd.

MODEST FEE

An England Youth International, Bird became a professional with his local side Birmingham City. But it was with Third Division Bradford Park Avenue, now defunct, that he established himself as a first team regular, and it was there that he played under Jimmy Scouler, the former Portsmouth, Newcastle and Scotland wing-half who was to become Cardiff City manager in June 1964. Bird was with Bradford from 1961 to October 1965 when he joined Bury for a brief spell, but in February 1966 Scouler signed him for City for a modest £7,000 fee.

Ronnie had been a fairly regular, if not consistent, goalscorer during his years at Bradford (39 goals in 129 games), but during his first couple of seasons at Ninian Park (1965-66 and 1966-67) he only scored three times. But his scoring fortunes took an upturn in 1967-68 when City reached the semi-final of the European Cup-Winners' Cup – nine goals from the wing, most of them spectacular efforts, though he didn't play against Hamburg in that European semi-final, with former Blackpool player Les Lea having displaced him.

Lea moved into a more midfield role in 1968-69 when City made their first serious promotion challenge since their relegation from Division One in 1961-62, and Ron's goals-tally was quite useful. But in March 1969 he lost his place again, this time to Frank Sharp who had been signed a few weeks earlier from Carlisle, and Ronnie found himself on the substitute's bench. It was during a home match against Norwich City on March 7th 1969 that he came on at half-time for Sharp in a match that



● Ronnie Bird (right) is welcomed to Ninian Park by Cardiff City manager Jimmy Scouler on February 4th 1966.

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City had to win to keep up their hopes of promotion. And with a 2-0 interval lead, it was Ronnie who sealed victory with a tremendous left-foot drive in a game which ended 3-1.

ONE MORE SUBSTITUTE GOAL

He was to remain with the Club for another two seasons, always in and out of the side, and despite the fact that he was substitute on a number of other occasions after that spectacular goal against Norwich, he only repeated his substitute scoring act once more — that was against Goztepe Izmir of Turkey in a Cup Winners' Cup 1-0 home leg match in November 1969. Of course, he still netted his fair share of goals whenever he played from the start, but many fans of that time still think of him as a regular match saver whenever he came on.

His final season at Ninian Park was 1970-71, and it was mainly Peter King in the left side attacking role, with young Nigel Rees having a mid-season spell before Ronnie Bird had several appearances during the latter half of that season. But during the second half of the 1-0 home win over Bolton in early April 1971, he was replaced by Brian Harris, and Bird played no more League matches for City. Neither, in fact, did Harris because both he and Bird left Ninian Park during the summer of 1971, Harris to Newport County as player/coach, Bird to Crewe Alexandra where he ended his League career. That Bolton game was not, however, Bird's last appearance for City — he returned for a two-leg Welsh Cup Final against Wrexham in May 1971, and scored in the second leg to confirm City's victory which saw them into Europe again.

Ronnie has remained in Football in this area since that time, mainly in a part time capacity. He was trainer/coach at Newport County for a few years from 1976, and he's also had spells with various Welsh League clubs as player and manager. More recently he laid the foundations for Ebbw Vale's major improvement before leaving them in 1987 (last season they won their first championship for over thirty years) and he's now back in charge of Bridgend Town where he once had a previous spell.

He still turns out in the occasional charity match with some of his former City colleagues — Gary Bell, Don Murray, Brian Harris etc, though at 47 years old, he's the first to admit his pace is not what it was. But if that left foot ever gets sight of goal, he's still as lethal now as he was when the patrons at the back of Ninian Park's Grange End covered stand sometimes used to duck!

April 7th 1971 — Division Two CARDIFF CITY 1 (0) BOLTON WANDERERS 0 (0) Attendance: 21,305

CITY: Jim Eadie, Dave Carver, Gary Bell, Mel Sutton, Don Murray, Leighton Phillips, Peter King, Brian Clark (1), Bobby Woodruff, Alan Warboys, Ronnie Bird (sub. Brian Harris).

WANDERERS: Peter Clarke, John Ritson, Don McAllister, Roy Greaves, John Hulme, Arthur Marsh, Jimmy Redfern, Roger Hunt, Garry Jones, Warwick Rimmer (sub. Ian Seddon), Ron Phillips.



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